

Table 2. Percent of Persons 15 Years Old and Over Who Needed Assistance, by Selected Characteristics: 1986

Characteristic	Needed assistance with—					
	One or more activities	Personal care	Getting around outside	Preparing meals	Doing housework	Keeping track of bills and/or money
PERSONS 15 YEARS AND OVER						
Total	4.4	1.7	2.8	2.6	3.2	1.6
Age						
Under 65 years	2.4	0.9	1.3	1.5	1.8	0.7
65 years and over	16.0	6.6	11.3	9.1	11.2	7.2
65 to 69 years	9.3	3.0	5.7	5.0	6.6	2.8
70 to 74 years	10.9	4.5	7.1	6.4	7.7	4.0
75 to 79 years	18.9	7.5	12.5	10.2	13.1	7.5
80 to 84 years	23.6	10.0	19.0	11.7	15.1	10.7
85 years and over	45.4	23.2	37.7	30.5	34.4	32.1
Race and Hispanic Origin¹						
White	4.3	1.6	2.8	2.4	3.1	1.5
Black	5.7	2.7	3.3	4.1	4.4	2.6
Hispanic origin ¹	3.4	1.4	1.9	2.4	2.3	1.1
Marital Status						
Married, spouse present	3.3	1.3	2.0	2.0	2.4	0.9
Married, spouse absent, widowed, divorced, separated	11.4	4.1	7.7	6.4	8.5	4.8
Never married	2.2	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.2
Living Arrangement						
Family member	3.6	1.6	2.3	2.3	2.6	1.3
Not a family member	8.4	2.5	5.3	3.9	6.1	3.3
Lives alone	10.4	2.9	6.5	4.6	7.4	3.8
Monthly Household Income						
Under \$600	11.8	4.1	7.5	6.3	8.5	4.4
\$600 to \$1,199	8.2	3.1	5.3	4.4	5.8	3.5
\$1,200 to \$1,999	4.6	1.9	2.9	2.9	3.2	1.5
\$2,000 to \$2,999	3.0	1.2	1.8	2.0	2.3	1.2
\$3,000 and over	1.9	0.8	1.2	1.3	1.5	0.6
Program Participation						
Received:						
Means-tested cash assistance ²	17.4	6.8	10.7	10.1	12.4	7.4
SSI	34.7	14.5	21.8	20.7	24.0	16.7
Food stamps	9.8	3.4	5.5	5.6	7.0	3.5
Public or subsidized housing	11.3	3.6	7.5	5.4	8.5	3.8
Medicaid coverage	17.4	7.1	10.6	10.6	12.5	7.8
Social Security	16.1	6.6	11.0	9.4	11.4	7.0
Veteran's payments	13.2	5.3	8.6	6.6	8.8	4.7
PERSONS 15 TO 64 YEARS						
Total	2.4	0.9	1.3	1.5	1.8	0.7
Race and Hispanic Origin¹						
White	2.2	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.7	0.6
Black	3.6	1.5	1.8	2.6	2.6	1.4
Hispanic origin ¹	2.4	1.1	1.3	1.7	1.7	0.7
Marital Status						
Married, spouse present	2.1	0.7	1.1	1.4	1.7	0.4
Married, spouse absent, widowed, divorced, separated	4.9	1.7	2.8	2.9	3.9	1.3
Never married	1.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.9

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Living Arrangement						
Family member	2.2	0.8	1.2	1.4	1.7	0.6
Not a family member	3.4	1.1	1.9	1.7	2.6	1.1
Lives alone	3.9	1.0	1.9	1.8	2.9	1.1
Monthly Household Income						
Under \$600	5.9	2.0	3.0	3.4	4.5	1.3
\$600 to \$1,199	4.5	1.6	2.3	2.6	3.2	1.8
\$1,200 to \$1,999	2.4	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.7	0.6
\$2,000 to \$2,999	2.2	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.6	0.6
\$3,000 and over	1.3	0.5	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.3
Program Participation						
Received:						
Means-tested cash assistance ²	12.5	4.8	6.7	7.2	8.7	5.0
SSI	32.9	14.3	17.8	19.7	21.2	16.4
Food stamps	7.0	2.3	3.4	4.0	4.9	2.2
Public or subsidized housing	5.8	1.9	3.5	3.3	4.7	1.7
Medicaid coverage	12.4	5.1	6.6	7.6	8.6	5.3
Social Security	16.2	6.6	9.7	10.4	12.1	6.5
Veteran's payments	10.2	4.4	6.7	4.9	7.4	3.2
PERSONS 65 YEARS AND OVER						
Total	16.0	6.6	11.3	9.1	11.2	7.2
Race and Hispanic Origin¹						
White	15.4	6.2	11.0	8.4	10.5	6.7
Black	22.7	12.0	15.6	16.6	19.5	13.1
Hispanic origin ¹	19.2	6.5	11.6	11.7	11.8	6.5
Marital Status						
Married, spouse present	10.1	4.9	7.0	6.0	6.5	3.9
Married, spouse absent, widowed, divorced, separated	23.8	8.9	17.2	13.1	17.4	11.4
Never married	16.7	7.4	11.3	11.1	13.6	10.1
Living Arrangement						
Family member	13.8	6.9	10.2	9.0	9.6	6.6
Not a family member	20.3	6.0	13.7	9.3	14.5	8.4
Lives alone	20.3	5.7	13.5	8.9	14.4	8.0
Monthly Household Income						
Under \$600	27.2	9.6	19.2	14.1	19.0	12.3
\$600 to \$1,199	16.5	6.3	11.8	8.2	11.7	7.4
\$1,200 to \$1,999	13.6	6.2	9.2	8.5	9.2	5.3
\$2,000 to \$2,999	11.2	5.5	8.3	7.8	8.6	6.0
\$3,000 and over	11.2	5.6	8.6	7.6	8.0	5.7
Program Participation						
Received:						
Means-tested cash assistance ²	34.4	13.7	24.8	19.9	25.4	15.5
SSI	36.8	14.7	26.6	21.8	27.3	16.9
Food stamps	32.7	11.8	22.7	19.1	24.9	15.0
Public or subsidized housing	29.3	9.2	20.4	12.2	20.5	10.7
Medicaid coverage	37.0	15.0	26.1	22.5	27.8	17.8
Social Security	16.1	6.6	11.4	9.1	11.2	7.2
Veteran's payments	17.8	6.7	11.7	9.1	10.9	7.1

¹Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

²Means-tested cash assistance programs include: Federal or State Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's Pensions, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), General Assistance, Indian, Cuban, or Refugee Assistance, and other welfare.